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# Solar-panel pilot shines

**ENERGY**

**City staff praise the sun-power program, seek big expansion**



A solar-energy pilot program for Halifax homeowners was so successful, city staff is recommending continuing — and expanding — the program.

On Tuesday, regional council will debate a new staff report that evaluates the Solar City Pilot Program, which ran for two years starting in December 2012.

The program allows property owners to enter into an agreement with HRM to pay for new

solar thermal panels on their homes via property taxes over 10 years — meaning no direct cost to the city.

“With almost 400 installations of solar thermal systems within two years, the program has had a positive impact on the adoption of renewable energy within the municipality,” reads the report.

It states that an additional 2,500 homeowners “expressed interest.”

Josh McLean of Efficiency Nova Scotia, which provides rebates to the program, believes its success lies in the way residents are given access to energy-saving resources without them “having to do the homework.”

“It’s all taken care of by the city, which is a huge benefit for

homeowners,” he said Monday.

In the new report, staff asks that the two-year pilot — which had a budget of \$8,266,500 — be extended for three more years, with an annual budget of \$4,370,900 for a total of \$13,112,70.

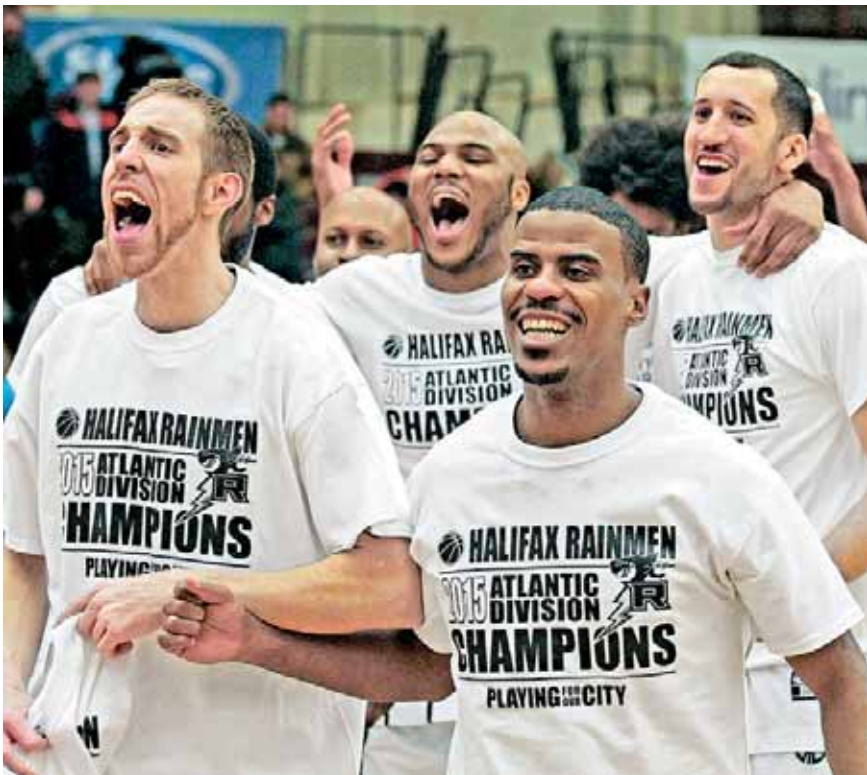
That would allow 450 systems to be installed annually.

The report also recommends the project be expanded to include solar photovoltaic (electricity) and solar air (space heating) technologies.

Staff emphasize the program is “cost-neutral” to the municipality and non-participating taxpayers, explaining that the program would be funded exclusively through Efficiency Nova Scotia rebates and users.

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The number of open houses on the program scheduled for the spring and summer



**Cheers drown out Storm**

Members of the Halifax Rainmen celebrate their win over the Island Storm to become NBL Atlantic Division Champions at Saint Mary’s University on Monday. The Rainmen won 125 to 116 in overtime. Story, page 19. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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# Plane became airborne again after initial impact

## CRASH LANDING

### Investigators have begun interviewing passengers

Investigators from the Transportation Safety Board spent Monday sifting through the debris of a plane crash in Halifax and documenting the site where the Air Canada flight touched down short of a runway before skidding to a stop, sending 25 people on board to hospital.

But the safety agency has also used the accident to reinforce its calls for changes at Canadian airports to make approaches and landings safer.

"This kind of approach and landing accident is very much something that we pay very close attention to," said Mike Cunningham, the agency's regional manager of air investigations.

The board is in the early



A Transportation Safety Board investigator inspects an engine at the crash site of Air Canada flight AC624 in Halifax on Monday. The plane touched down about 335 metres short of the runway. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

stages of its investigation into the crash of AC624 and it is highlighting the fact that approach-and-landing accidents

have been on its watch list of issues that pose the greatest risk to the country's transportation system.

On Monday, investigators documented the site of Sunday's crash, identifying the components of the wreckage from where it touched down about 335 metres short of the runway to where it stopped skidding.

In a statement released Monday evening, the safety board said the plane became airborne again after it first

touched down, leaving an extensive debris field between the antenna and the start of the runway.

"The initial impact was significant and caused substantial damage to the aircraft," the board said.

In its 2014 watch list, the board repeated recommendations to improve runway standards, including lengthening runway end safety areas or installing engineering systems or structures to safely stop planes that overrun runways.

Cunningham said the crash displays some of the characteristics of approach-and-landing accidents on its watch list.

"The most important factor is the actual approach itself and understanding why the aircraft touched down as short of the runway as it did," he said in an interview.

"But it's linked to our watch list and the type of approach and landing excursion event that we pay particular attention to."

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## AIR CANADA

### Memory of crash keeps one passenger grounded

Two days after experiencing what's officially called a "hard landing" in Halifax, the bruises and memories of the harrowing experience were enough for one woman to cancel a flight to Ontario.

"We crash landed, there's no doubt about it," Lianne Clark said Monday. "When you have a bump ... you don't lose your wheels."

Clark said she flies to Ottawa for work weekly but had to postpone her Monday trip for another seven days.

"The more I talk about it, the more I'm getting my guts up to get back on a plane Monday," Clark said from her Mount Uniacke home.

Clark and her husband, Randy Hall, were returning from vacation on Air Canada 624 Saturday night. All was fine until they were told conditions were bad in Halifax, and they would need to circle until visibility improved.

As they descended, Clark said she felt the plane clip a pole and then a hard bang as the plane landed. She was jostled hard



**We crash landed, there's no doubt about it.**

Lianne Clark

and felt the seatbelt dig into her as she hit her head on the overhead compartment.

Clark said Hall told her he watched the wheels break off the plane as it bounced into the air. When it landed again, the engine came off and Hall saw the wing "in pieces" as they slid for 30 seconds along the tarmac.

"That's when the screaming started," Clark said. Although Clark said she will likely be nervous landing in bad conditions from now on, it's amazing how sturdy the plane was overall.

"We just got our carry-on luggage and I had ceramic souvenirs — they're not broken. We were like 'Holy crap.'"

HALEY RYAN/METRO

## + INVESTIGATION

### Next steps include:

- Surveying, examining and photographing the site.
- Gathering meteorological reports.
- Removing the aircraft to restore normal operations
- Collecting operational information from the plane.

## DARTMOUTH

### Three-year-old hit by car at crosswalk

A 23-year-old man has been ticketed after a three-year-old boy was hit by a car in a crosswalk in Dartmouth Monday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say a 23-year-old woman and three-year-old boy were in a crosswalk at the intersection of Portland Street and Lakefront Road when a driver travelling east struck the boy around 8 a.m.

Police say the boy was taken to hospital as a precaution with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver was issued a summary offence ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

The ticket carries a fine of \$693.95 and four points on a driver's licence upon conviction.

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## IN BRIEF

### Money found at Scotia Square

Halifax Regional Police are looking for the owner of some cash found at Scotia Square over the weekend.

Police say it was found in an envelope under a chair outside the Starbucks around 11:20 a.m. Saturday. Anyone with information about the cash or its owner is asked to call police. METRO

## MCNABS ISLAND

### Province to burn abandoned cottage

Provincial officials are warning Halifax residents not to be alarmed if they spot plumes of smoke coming from McNabs Island Tuesday morning.

The Department of Natural Resources plans to burn an abandoned cottage on the island because it's in such poor condition that it could pose a danger to summer visitors, according to a release.

It is not one of the three historic homes found on the north end of the island.

Burning was determined to be the best method of removal, the release said, as the island is so remote that taking the structure apart by hand would be dangerous and transporting equipment to the island would be difficult.

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# Late-night incursion at new library spurs probe

## INVESTIGATION

### Four gained entrance to Spring Garden Road facility

**Madison Blanchard**  
Metro | Halifax

The director of the Central Library says an investigation is underway to determine how four people were able to gain access to the \$58-million facility by simply opening a pair of doors — and why they weren't caught by security.

"We are launching a detailed investigation into how that happened and why the doors were opened," said Bruce Gorman Monday evening.

Metro contacted Gorman Monday afternoon after hearing from two people who said they were walking along Queen Street around 2 a.m. Saturday when they were "flabbergasted" to see another young couple try the library entrance and walk right in.

"We were surprised because it was really late," said the young woman, who asked not to be identified. "It was too late for the doors to be open."

The woman and her companion, who identified himself as "Alex," found the outer door of the Queen Street entrance open.

When Alex pulled on the paired locked inner doors together, they swung open,

permitting access to the building, full of new, expensive computers and recording equipment.

Alex said he took a step through the doors and watched the other couple walking around the first floor, taking selfies, before stepping back outside with the woman. The other couple came out after about 10 minutes.

"I guess they could have actually stolen something, ripped up some books, but I think they were just doing it for thrills," said Alex.

Gorman initially told Metro it was impossible for anyone to get into the library after hours without being seen by security, and said anyone in the building must have been cleaners.

He called back after 6 p.m. to say the company that handles security for the library

had reviewed its surveillance video and found footage of two unauthorized people inside the building between 1:58 a.m. and 2 a.m.

There are supposed to be security guards on duty at the library after

hours, but both Alex and the woman said they didn't see or hear any personnel in the building.

"I don't know exactly where they were," said Gorman.

Gorman said the security company would be talking to the two guards who were on duty on Friday to determine where they were.

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The number of security guards scheduled to be on duty at the new library after hours.

**MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE**



Workers repair the side door of the Halifax Central Library on Monday. Although this is the same door through which four people gained access to the library late at night last week, library officials said Monday the repairs were unrelated to that incident. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Suspicious fire destroys garage in Sheet Harbour

Halifax District RCMP say a structure fire that destroyed a garage early Monday has been declared suspicious.

According to a release, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) contacted Sheet Harbour RCMP around 3:20 a.m. about a structure fire in the 23000 block of Highway 7.

The garage was completely engulfed in flames when police arrived, and a preliminary investigation found the cause of the fire was suspicious.

An HRFE investigator will help police determine the exact cause.

Anyone with information on the fire is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

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### Two teens banned from McDonald's after fight

Two teenagers aren't exactly lovin' it after they were banned from a Dartmouth McDonald's because of a fight in the playground on Monday, say Halifax police.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said they received a call from someone at the McDonald's on Nantucket Avenue near Dartmouth High School about the fight at 12:40 p.m.

The fight had been broken up when police arrived, but Bourdages said officers were able to locate the two young people that were involved.

"They argued and were disruptive, and it led to a physical altercation," Bourdages said. "They were separated and banned from attending the premise for six months."

No charges were laid and no injuries were reported.

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### City warns residents to stay off the ice

Municipal officials say it's no longer safe to be on frozen lakes and ponds as the ice is thinning and open water can be seen in many of the city's lakes.

A release sent Monday states that rising temperatures and snow cover on frozen bodies of water at this time of year can increase the ice melt "significantly" every day.

This makes it unsafe to walk, skate, fish or snowmobile on any lakes or ponds.

The release also states that HRM's ice thickness testing program has wrapped up for the winter season.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### No charges laid over anti-Semitic tweets, police say

A Halifax hotdog vendor will not face charges for a series of anti-Semitic tweets sent out in January.

On Monday, Halifax Regional Police concluded their investigation into the comments posted on social media on Jan. 14 after someone had sent in a complaint regarding a number of "disturbing" tweets earlier in the day.

"It did not fit what's needed to be able to lay criminal charges," police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said Monday.

The general investigation section handled the case and consulted with the Public Prosecution Service, but Bourdages said the comments ended up not meriting any charges.

A police release said while many found the comments "distasteful, shocking and offensive," they do not constitute a hate crime.

Jerry Reddick, also known as the Dawgfather, is a hotdog vendor on University Avenue.

After the tweets, which referred to Jews and the Holocaust, prompted a student group to call for a boycott of

his hotdog business, he said he was trying to prove a point about the different views on freedom of expression in the wake of the attack on Paris's Charlie Hebdo magazine days before.

"How can we not understand that I was invoking conversation to prove we can't have a standard for one people and one for everyone

else," he wrote.

Reddick later deleted the tweets and apologized for them.

Charlie Hebdo often portrayed the prophet Muhammad in cartoons, and 12 people were killed at the satirical publication's office on Jan. 7, when gunmen opened fire in the building.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



## POLITICS

## Premier's ex-aide sentenced for assault

A former spokesman for Nova Scotia's premier expressed remorse Monday as he was handed a conditional discharge on an assault charge.

Kyley Harris appeared in Halifax provincial court for sentencing, after pleading guilty in December.

Harris must complete nine months of probation, is prohibited from drinking alcohol and must complete 30 hours of community service.

The court was told Harris struck a woman in the face during a domestic argument on May 9, 2014.

Harris told the court his actions were "inexcusable and disgraceful."

"I made an unforgivable mistake and I am sorry," he said.

Harris said he has apologized to the victim and also regrets letting down those he worked for in the Premier's Office.

He was initially placed on administrative leave with pay following the incident, but was fired a short time later by Premier Stephen McNeil.

Outside court, defence lawyer Michael Scott said the fact Harris sought counselling for alcohol dependence and anger management played a role in the joint sentencing recommendation.

"He's lost his job, his income and his reputation, so now he has the job of sort of rebuilding without having a criminal record encumbering him," said Scott.

If Harris abides by the court's conditions, he will be eligible for a complete discharge on Sept. 1.

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# Institute of Oceanography gets \$3.5M funding boost

## INFRASTRUCTURE

## Director hopes improvements help scientists focus on work



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Leaky windows, drafty rooms and roof issues are set to be addressed at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) thanks to millions in new government funding.

Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea toured the BIO Monday after announcing the facility would see about \$3.5 million as part of the government's \$5.8-billion plan to rebuild federal infrastructure across Canada over the next two years.

"Every time I come here I'm always impressed with the work that's done," Shea said after walking through the BIO's dozens of corridors and labs to speak with researchers, handle a live lobster and examine ongoing projects.

"They develop new technologies, they're studying all sorts of things that affect the fisheries and ... inform government policy."

Sherry Niven, science director for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at the institute, said the funds allow

them to do work in the older buildings, some parts of which are more than 50 years old.

The fish lab area, multiple leaky windows, old doors, humidity issues and expansion of a Natural Resources Canada sediment core storage facility are all areas to be improved, Niven said, as well as flat parts of the roof where this year's winter has dumped a lot of snow and ice.

"(It's) mostly maintenance to make our home here more

comfortable for our scientists to work, so they can focus," Niven said.

Shea said \$3 million will be taken from the fisheries department, while about \$500,000 is coming from Natural Resources Canada for the sediment area.

Stephen Locke, director of the Geological Survey of Canada, said their funding means they can finally expand the storage area for their huge collection of sediment samples that date back to the 1970s.



**WEATHER SPRING IS DRAGON ITS FEET** A pedestrian walks on Monday past huge snowbanks underneath a painting on the side of Don 88 Asian Grocery. Environment Canada is calling for a mix of snow and then rain for Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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# Smaller patios, smaller fees

## BYLAW

### City ready to consider tiered licensing fees for new bylaw



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Some restaurant and bar operators in Halifax might be getting a break when it comes to the cost of patio fees.

A new staff report going before regional council on Tuesday recommends that the city introduce a tiered-fee system for patios in order to create a new — and cheaper — category for sidewalk cafes with smaller capacities.

A proposed new bylaw includes a flat licensing rate of \$800.

In September, Coun. Wayne Mason tabled a motion asking for

a staff report on the possibility of a tiered fee structure or subsidization for small capacity patios.

As a result, staff are now proposing a fee of \$400 for those restaurants with patios less than 100 square feet.

The report further defines “small” as restaurants that can seat 10 people or less.

Mason wasn’t available for comment on the proposal Monday.

Gordon Stewart, Executive Director of Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia, called it “unfair” that small operators are being forced to pay such large fees to service their customers.

“The price was so high ... it would have prevented a lot of patios from going into business,” he said.

However, Stewart still says he has concerns about the potential new tiered structure.

Even with a new cost-reduction measure, he worries that it still doesn’t offset the “above and beyond” costs that restaurants

## + BACKGROUND

### Alternatives

Staff have offered council alternatives: Drop the application fee to \$400 for 18 smaller cafes and increase the fee to \$1,000 for all others, or re-direct staff to devise new amounts, with the decreased rate still below \$800.

incur regardless of patio size, such as the removal of parking meters along sidewalks or the process required to receive an engineer’s stamp of approval during the patio set-up stage.

“It’s not a perfect system, that’s for sure,” said Stewart.

The staff report suggests that, based on data from 2013, 18 out of 51 seasonal patios would qualify for the reduced rate.

As a result of the new system, the city would lose about \$7,000 in revenue.



Patios line Argyle Street last fall. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Nova Scotia writes off \$12M in bad debts

Nova Scotia is writing off \$12.2 million in unpaid or uncollectable debts at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year on Tuesday, although the government says it will continue in its debt collection efforts.

The province writes off debts each year when it determines they are unlikely to be paid because of personal or commercial bankruptcy, death of the debtor or property foreclosure.

It says this year’s bad debts mostly relate to uncollectable loans in the departments of Labour and Advanced Education, Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, and Agriculture, as well as unpaid fines and fees at Health and Wellness, Justice, Natural Resources and Service Nova Scotia.

Over the last 10 years, the average annual amount written off is \$13.2 million.

The province says the writeoffs don’t affect departmental budgets or the deficit, and originate from previous fiscal years.

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## COURT

### Former politician’s impaired driving case goes to judge

The Crown argued Monday that the testimony given by a former Nova Scotia politician charged with impaired driving is sufficient on its own to convict him of the offence.

Melanie Perry said in her closing arguments that during his trial, Trevor Zinck said he spent some time behind the wheel and, along with positive breathalyzer results, proved the charge.

Zinck testified last week that after drinking at a bowling alley he initially got in the driver’s seat and began driving, but he quickly switched places, allowing his friend to drive instead.

Perry called the argument a “red herring” if the judge accepts that Zinck drove his vehicle and there were two positive breathalyzer tests taken within two hours.

Defence lawyer Laura McCarthy argued some of the police officers’ testimony describing Zinck’s arrest after stopping his vehicle didn’t match, casting doubt on their statements.

“I’ve noted inconsistencies not just between Mr. Zinck and the officers but amongst the (two) officers themselves,” she said.



Trevor Zinck holds the elevator door as he leaves Halifax Supreme Court in 2013. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The Crown said these and other arguments on the credibility of the officers shouldn’t make a major difference in the case.

“Even if you disbelieve everything those officers said, he (Zinck) puts himself behind the wheel, whether he was driving 75 feet or 75 kilometres

of 750 kilometres, it doesn’t matter,” Perry said during her submission.

“He, by his own admission, was driving that vehicle.”

Judge Frank Hoskins reserved his decision until April 29 at Dartmouth provincial court.

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# Man fined for posting victim's name

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Judge says jail time could be a possibility in similar cases

A Halifax judge says she wanted to send a message of deterrence as she sentenced a man Monday to a year of probation and fined

him \$1,950 for breaking a publication ban by naming a sexual-assault victim on Facebook.

Provincial court judge Alanna Murphy said publication-ban violations on social media will likely become more common and she wanted to discourage people from committing such offences, particularly when they involve victims of sexual assault.

"Imposing a discharge in this offence would be contrary to

public interest," Murphy said in sentencing David Winslow Sparks. "The consequences (of the offence) are irreparable."

Sparks, 62, pleaded guilty in January to violating a publication ban that protected the identity of a woman who was sexually assaulted.

He posted the woman's name on a Facebook group with more than 6,000 members in support of Lyle Howe, a local lawyer

who was convicted last year of sexually assaulting her.

Howe has filed an appeal in that case.

The woman said in a victim impact statement she was blindsided when her name was posted online.

"I hope the actions of one angry individual intent on hurting me doesn't stop others from coming forward," said the statement, read by the Crown in

court earlier this month.

Murphy said she considered mitigating factors in her ruling, including the fact that Sparks is active in the community, took responsibility for the offence and there is no reason to believe he would commit it again.

If a similar offence were committed by a different person, jail time would have been a possibility, Murphy added.

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David Winslow Sparks  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MENINGITIS

### Students get second round of vaccine

Annapolis Valley Health is holding a clinic to administer booster shots for Acadia students who received vaccinations against strain B meningococcal bacteria last month.

Clinics were held in Fountain Commons at Acadia University on Monday and will also be held Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m. and again April 8 and 9 from noon to 4 p.m.

The vaccinations were ordered after one Acadia student — 18-year-old Sarah Hastings — died of meningococcal meningitis Feb. 1.

A second woman — Hope Maryka, who was also in the business faculty with Hastings — was treated for the disease and recovered later in February.

When both cases were identified as being caused by the strain B, the province declared it was an "institutional outbreak."

AVH says 85 per cent of students received an initial dose at February clinics.

"It's important to get the second dose to ensure maximum protection against strain B meningitis," said Kim McGill, the health authority's communicable disease prevention and control content lead.



Booster shots for strain B meningococcal bacteria are underway at Acadia University. METRO FILE

McGill said people who receive the vaccine may experience common but minor side effects.

"Sore arm, achy muscles, headache — these are all normal to experience within 24 hours following," she said.

"We heard from students about this during round one, and our nurses review the information with each person when they receive their vaccine."

Students are asked to bring their student ID and health cards with them to the clinics.

KINGS COUNTY NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### Paramedics being trained to provide home care

Paramedics in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are being trained to help palliative patients manage their pain at home.

Dr. Alix Carter of Emergency Health Services says that the changes will help people stay at home rather than go into emergency rooms when they're experiencing pain.

He says paramedics will be trained to provide the palliative support a patient wants.

Otherwise, patients are often taken by ambulance to hospital.

The 1,400 ground-ambulance paramedics in the provinces will be able to manage such symptoms as pain, breathlessness, fear and anxiety.

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## OTTAWA

## Good Samaritans save a stranger's life

Kim Dundas smiles as she shares a hug with her mother Janet.

It's possible Kim wouldn't be able to give this hug if not for the kindness of two strangers she can't wait to meet and thank in person.

"It's a happy story," Kim said Monday from their Ottawa home.

While out for a walk to pick up baking supplies on March 20, Janet began to go into cardiac arrest on Bank Street. She had tried to alert several cars until two young sisters driving by noticed that she was in trouble.

They stopped to call an ambulance, caring for her until paramedics arrived.

Kim posted a message on Facebook the next day looking for the young women and asked her friends to share it. She thought it was a long-shot but her message quickly spread through social media, seeing more than 2,000 reposts and even appearing on Reddit.



**Kim Dundas embraces her mother Janet.** MIKE CARROCCETO/ FOR METRO IN OTTAWA

Kim discovered hundreds of messages of support had been sent to her while caring for her mom. One of them was from the mother of the Good Samaritans.

She learned the two sisters are 19 and 12. The older sister attends the University of Ottawa and the 12-year-old lives in Cornwall. They are now in contact with Kim and planning to meet in the coming weeks.

NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO IN OTTAWA

## TECHNOLOGY

## Amazon testing drone delivery in B.C.



**Emily Jackson**  
Metro | Vancouver

Canada's drone-friendly skies have lured Amazon north of the border to test its novel drone delivery service at a secret location in B.C.

America's largest Internet retailer, frustrated by tight U.S. federal regulations, bought a plot of land less than one kilometre from the border to test its innovative service that aims to use drones to deliver packages within 30 minutes of an order. The Guardian reported Monday.

Amazon spokeswoman Kristen Kish confirmed in an email that the company is conducting controlled flight testing in mul-

tiple international locations including the rural test site in B.C., which The Guardian described as wooded and watched by three security guards.

"We are rapidly experimenting and iterating on Amazon Prime Air, working to make it a reality," Kish wrote.

Amazon set up shop in Canada where regulations for unmanned aerial vehicles are more lax after months of publicly lobbying the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to test drones outdoors. By the time Amazon finally secured FAA approval to test a specific drone last week, it had already abandoned the design.

In Canada, it takes less than three weeks for Transport Canada to issue a Special Flight Operations Certificate.

## POLITICS

### Quebec to PM: hand over long-gun registry data

The Quebec national assembly unanimously approved a motion Monday calling on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reverse his decision to destroy the long-gun registry data. The motion passed by a 106-0 vote and urges Harper to transfer the data to Quebec. Premier Philippe Couillard agreed there is a very firm consensus in Quebec that firearms, including hunting rifles, should be registered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Amendments to anti-terror bill not enough: Opposition

A Conservative plan to amend the federal anti-terrorism bill hasn't squelched opposition. A handful of proposed government amendments, to be presented Tuesday, haven't alleviated Green party Leader Elizabeth May's concerns about the bill. May said she plans to present five dozen amendments when the House of Commons public safety committee begins examining the bill clause-by-clause. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Luigi Salvi, an experienced pilot and instructor of uFly's Fear of Flying course, explains the workings of the standard commercial jet cockpit from inside the uFly flight simulator in Mississauga.** LIZ BEDDALL/METRO IN TORONTO

# Fear of flying 'just a lack of knowledge'

## EDUCATION

## Toronto-area course teaches ins and outs of air travel



**Luke Simcoe**  
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A Toronto-area flight simulator company has found a new use for their replica Boeing 777 cockpit: helping people conquer their fear of flying.

At uFly Simulator in Mississauga, aviophobes can tackle

their turbulence terrors via a three-hour, one-on-one course with instructor Luigi Salvi.

Most people are afraid of air travel because they don't know how planes work, Salvi said.

The uFly course teaches the ins and outs of air travel, from what sounds to expect when the landing gear is deployed to what happens behind the cockpit door.

"Usually fear is just a lack of knowledge," Salvi said. "If you know how everything works, it's not such a big deal."

Despite a recent spate of headline-grabbing aircraft accidents — from Malaysian Air flight MH370 to Sunday's crash landing at Halifax's Stanfield

### FLIGHT

According to research done at the University of Michigan, taking a domestic flight exposes someone to the same level of risk as driving 10.8 miles (17.3 kilometres) on a major highway.

Airport — Salvi says business remains steady regardless of what's in the news.

"It's not like 30 or 40 years ago when air travel was still new," he said. "Flying is a very regular thing for people, and most of us realize it's still one

of the safest ways to travel."

Salvi works with each participant to figure out what triggers their fear of flying and addresses that in the course. For example, one participant became terrified when the air conditioner on board stopped when the engine started.

"It's not broken or anything," Salvi explained. "They just need all the available air pressure to start the engine."

And if a client is coming in to get help with an upcoming trip, Salvi will walk them through the details of their specific flight plan. He'll also consult with them after their flight, and said about 80 per cent of participants felt the course was helpful.

## ISIL

## Vote expected on extending, expanding mission

The debate about Canada's military campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) returned Monday to the House of Commons as MPs gathered to vote on whether to extend and expand the mission in Iraq.

The Conservatives want to extend Canada's involvement in airstrikes against ISIL militants in Iraq — and expand the mission into Syria — for up to a year, in order to help stop the march of a "genocidal" group they consider a threat to domestic security.

A vote on the government's

motion is scheduled for shortly after 8 p.m., but it's likely just a formality, given the Conservative majority in the Commons.

MPs will first have to decide whether to support any of the amendments made by the NDP, which wants to end Canada's participation in airstrikes all together and focus instead on humanitarian measures to ease the crisis that has plagued Iraq and Syria since last year.

On Tuesday, diplomats from around the world are set to meet in Kuwait to focus on collecting the billions the UN says it needs to ease the humanitar-

### BACKGROUND

Last October, 157 MPs voted to send CF-18 fighter-bombers, two CP-140 surveillance planes, one refuelling aircraft and 600 personnel, on top of the 69 special forces advisers already on the ground working with Kurdish peshmerga forces.

ian crisis in Syria alone, where 200,000 people have been killed and millions displaced by the ongoing civil war under

President Bashar Assad.

The Conservatives say the plan to allow Canadian fighter jets to bomb ISIL targets within Syria would not be to prop up Assad. ISIL fighters are using the eastern part of that country as a base and cannot be allowed to do so, they argue.

The opposition has argued that Canada lacks the legal basis to expand airstrikes into Syria without that country's express consent, something the Conservatives had said last year they would seek before expanding the mission.

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**BOMB SCARE PLANE THREAT DECLARED HOAX** Travellers return to their plane at the airport of Casablanca, Morocco, on Monday after a bomb warning was declared a hoax and their flight was confirmed to be safe. Turkish Airlines said it diverted an Istanbul-to-Sao Paulo flight with 256 people aboard to land at Morocco after a note was found with the word "bomb" in the toilet. ABDELJALIL BOUNHAR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## UNITED NATIONS

## Iran nuclear program talks down to the wire

Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program reached a critical phase Monday, with diplomats struggling to overcome substantial differences just a day before a deadline for the outline of an agreement.

With Tuesday's target date for a framework accord just hours away, the top diplomats from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany were meeting with Iran to try to bridge remaining gaps

and hammer out an understanding that would serve as the basis for a final accord to be reached by the end of June.

"We are working late into the night and obviously into tomorrow," said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been meeting with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif in Lausanne since Thursday in an effort to reach a political understanding on terms to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanc-

tions relief.

"There is a little more light there today, but there are still some tricky issues," Kerry said.

Kerry and others at the table said the sides have made some progress, with Iran considering demands for further cuts to its uranium enrichment program, while pushing back on how long it must limit technology it could use to make atomic arms. In addition to sticking points on research and development, dif-

ferences remain on the timing and scope of sanctions removal, the officials said.

The Obama administration says any deal will stretch the time Iran needs to make a nuclear weapon from the present two to three months to a year.

Tehran says it wants to enrich only for energy, science, industry and medicine. But many countries fear Iran could use the technology to make weapons-grade uranium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Questions arise over pilot's health

## FLIGHT 9525

### Andreas Lubitz needed 'regular medical' exams: Aviation body

How could someone once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies get a job as a commercial pilot, entrusted with the lives of hundreds of people? That's the question being asked after officials confirmed Monday that Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz received lengthy psychotherapy several years ago.

All 150 people on board were killed by what prosecutors believe was a deliberate decision by Lubitz to slam the Airbus A320 he was flying from Barcelona to Dueseldorf into a mountain in the French Alps last Tuesday.

Lufthansa, Germanwings' parent company, declined to say whether it knew of Lubitz's mental-health problems. But it said the young pilot had passed all required medical checks since starting work for its subsidiary two years ago.

The country's aviation au-

thority wouldn't comment on Lubitz's health, despite acknowledging last week that his record with the agency noted he needed "specific regular medical examination" beyond the annual checkup required of all pilots.

"The German Federal Aviation Office isn't directly responsible for assessing the air-medical fitness of pilots," said Cornelia Cramer, a spokeswoman for the agency, which is in charge of granting pilots' licenses.

Cramer said the medical checks are conducted by specially trained doctors but declined to say whether their findings are passed on to the agency.

All pilots must undergo regular medical checks that include a cursory psychological evaluation, according to Dr. Hans-Werner Teichmueller, the agency's head, but such tests rely on patients being honest with their doctors.

"You can't see anything beyond the face," Teichmueller said.

At the crash site in the French Alps, authorities have identified 78 sets of DNA so far and hope to identify all of the victims.

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The iconic McDonald's Egg McMuffin could soon be on the dinner menu. McDonald's plans to test an all-day breakfast at some locations in the U.S. next month. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

# McBreakfast menu all day long

## FAST FOOD

### McDonald's U.S. confirms plans to test all-day breakfast

A McMuffin for dinner? It might happen, as McDonald's plans to test an all-day breakfast at some

locations in the San Diego area starting next month.

The company said in a statement the test is coming in response to customers who have said they'd like to eat breakfast foods outside the typical morning hours that they are served.

The world's largest restaurant chain said the test will include a partial menu and feature some of McDonald's

breakfast sandwiches and hash browns. The company didn't say which sandwiches would make the cut.

Fans of McDonald's breakfast menu have long wanted the option to get breakfast at McDonald's after 10:30 a.m. But offering both the breakfast and lunch menu had been considered logistically impossible, given the tight kitchen spaces



**Having those breakfast items to sell all day ... serve as a reminder ... that McDonald's does indeed have craveable food to sell.**

Mark Kalinowski, Janney Capital Markets analyst

of the restaurants.

McDonald's had even tweeted about the topic in February, saying it doesn't serve breakfast all day because its grills "just aren't big enough for breakfast and lunch."

Still, Jeff Stratton, head of McDonald's USA, said in an interview that same month that the company was taking a look

at how it could make breakfast available later in the day.

The push to make breakfast outside normal hours partly reflects how McDonald's is working to keep pace with shifting habits. In particular, executives have noted that customers increasingly want foods personalized to their tastes and schedules.

McDonald's said Monday that it was too early to speculate on any outcomes from the test.

Janney Capital Markets had released an analyst note earlier Monday saying that its industry sources had said that McDonald's planned to test all-day breakfast in the U.S.

"Having those breakfast items available to sell all day would also serve as a reminder to customers (and the media, and Wall Street) that McDonald's does indeed have craveable food to sell," Mark Kalinowski, an analyst for Janney Capital Markets, wrote.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Harper's climate change record? Underwhelming

Elections come, elections go, but Stephen Harper's climate change record remains the same: underwhelming.

What a relief to be able to rely on something in this crazy world, aside from the inevitable melt of glaciers.

Today is the deadline for countries to submit national strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ahead of the United Nations Paris summit in December.

That meeting should yield a followup agreement for the Copenhagen deal.

Mexico met the deadline. The U.S. is expected to announce its strategy today. Canada, not so much.

The feds are still checking with the provinces for their plans, a government spokesperson said over the weekend. Like they've been doing for years now?

Because it's the provinces that have been leading climate change policy, even signing a Canadian Energy Strategy last summer. Meanwhile, the Harper government has become a kind of international climate change pariah for its stance, which could loosely be summed up as lip service.

"No one, no one is paying attention to Canada any more at the UN negotiations," said Radoslav Dimitrov, a European Union delegate for UN climate change negotiations.

Harper's mixed messages have more to do with opportunism and public sentiment than any deep commitment to saving the environment, UBC professor

Kathryn Harrison said.

In 2002, as Canadian Alliance leader, Harper called the Kyoto Protocol a "socialist scheme" based on sketchy science. But when elected, Harper called climate change "perhaps the biggest threat to confront the future of humanity today."

Then in 2009, the government condemned the Liberals' "job-killing carbon tax" with Harper saying it would "screw everybody." That was despite the Conservatives' own cap and trade proposal.

As for action, the Conservatives have introduced fuel efficiency regulations and banned construction of coal-fired power stations. But in December, Harper said there are no regulations on the horizon for the oil and gas industry.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, Environment Canada projects we won't meet our Copenhagen target by 2020, never mind whatever goal the government ends up claiming in advance of Paris.

But, do Canadians care?

Political watchers predict the economy will drive the upcoming election, despite the fact that poll results show 50 per cent of Canadians are "definitely or 'extremely' concerned about climate change and what it will mean for future generations.

Harper has had nine years to take action, and voters have had nine years to judge him.

If we really want to see a government serious about climate change, we could start voting like it.

## the big question

# Who decides if a plane is safe to land in bad weather?

**Pilots make the call, say industry experts responding to Sunday's plane crash at the Halifax airport. They make the decision based on information relayed to them by the tower, which includes runway conditions and other factors — and, most importantly, whether the pilot can see the runway.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Technology could transform traffic trips

## YOUR RIDE

Erica Butler



In the age of smartphones, navigating transit systems everywhere is getting easier. Google Transit just about doubled how much I use buses to get around Halifax, because I can punch in any address and find out instantly how to get there by bus, and how long it should take.

For the regular commuter crowd, there are apps such as Transit 360, a locally developed iPhone app that allows riders in eight Canadian cities to instantly check bus times at their favourite stops.

There's also the handy Ride On program from SimplyCast, which allows the

user to tweet a stop and route number to @rideoncast, and get a reply telling them when the next bus arrives.

And of course, there's the Halifax Transit stalwart, GoTime.

But all these systems share a common Achilles' heel: They rely on the schedule. And Halifax Transit's schedule is woefully unreliable.

Few things are worse than standing outside in the cold, pressing a dying phone to your ear and hearing, "The next bus on route ... 10 ... departs in ... one minute," only to proceed to wait 25 minutes for the No. 10 to arrive.

In a better world, we would have dedicated bus lanes and transit priority signals to help our buses stay

on time, and keep us from wasting our time standing outside, anxiously gazing down the street.

But even before we begin to solve our chronically late bus system, there's something that can be done to make late buses less of a painful experience: We need a way to know when our buses will actually arrive; we need access to real-time location data for transit.

This is not science fiction. Dozens of transit systems have real-time data available to their riders, and Halifax Transit buses even have GPS locators on board. Unfortunately, due to a tragic lack of technological foresight, the data they produce is tied up with personnel data from Halifax Transit. And so the city will not release this info to apps like Google Transit,

Transit 360, or @rideoncast.

That changes next summer. Halifax Transit is currently undergoing a \$7.5-million technology upgrade which will give us a new GPS system — with data we can share publicly — electronic fare boxes, and an audio-visual system to announce upcoming stops.

For the first time, riders will know the joy of advance warning that their bus is running early or late.

Who knows? With less chance of frustrating 25-minute waits, I may just end up taking the bus even more.

Erica Butler lives in Halifax and uses transit, a car and a bicycle to get around the city. You can follow her on Twitter @HabitatRadio.

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# Trevor Noah in his own words



South African comedian Trevor Noah BONGIWE MCHUNU/THE STAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## LATE NIGHT TELEVISION

### The new host of The Daily Show describes role as 'joining the team'

The deal was done only last week, says Trevor Noah, the 31-year-old South African comedian who will take over The Daily Show from longtime host Jon Stewart.

Shortly after Comedy Central made the news official Monday, Noah, on a standup comedy tour, discussed his new gig by phone from Dubai.

#### How do you feel to be taking over soon from Stewart?

I don't think of taking over. I'm joining the team. It's a huge ship that has won Emmys and Peabodys for a reason, because it's a fantastic team of writers and producers working to make that show magic. I get to be a part of that now as the host and a face, sharing that space with my fellow correspondents. I feel really confident. All I needed in my life was Jon's blessing. That's what I have, so I'm looking forward to being part of The Best Damn News Show in the World!

#### You have a much different background than Stewart. How will that affect the show?

One thing we both share: We are both progressives. Obviously where you're from may inform a lot of your decisions. But travelling the world I've learned that progressives, regardless of their locations, think in a global space. And although I happen to be a guy who's not from the same place that Jon's from, I've lived in America for years before I went back out on

the road, and I've learned to love the place. I'll bring something different because I am different, but because it's a team, it'll be the same as well.

#### You may not have heard: There's a big U.S. election coming up. Are you looking forward to addressing that on the show?

I love the drama around it! That's going to be fascinating to be part of, this time. And that's the environment The Daily Show thrives in, taking that information and deciphering it and getting it out to everybody in a way that's not biased in any way, hopefully, where you're going, "This is the bare bones of what you need to know and how you need to know it, in the funniest way possible."

#### Although Stewart has called it a "fake news show," a lot of people do rely on The Daily Show as a primary news source. Will that continue?

When you are honest in your comedy, you have to acknowledge the world that you're in. Through a comedic voice you're talking about what needs to be talked about, whether it's race relations or politics or anything that's happening on a global or an American scale. That's exactly the space The Daily Show is in.

#### How involved will Stewart be in the show once you arrive?

What's great for me is I have in him a mentor and a friend who I can call on, who can give me advice — a fellow comedian, at the end of the day.

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Jon Stewart GETTY IMAGES



## + IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Trumpeting national pride

In South Africa, the announcement made breaking news on a national television news station. On social media, Noah's name became a trending topic within minutes, with some Twitter users saying he not only represented South Africa, but the African continent.

"I'm sure he'll turn it into his own thing," said South African comedian Loyiso Gola, who now also hosts an International Emmy-nominated local news satire show.

"Out of a lot of guys I know in comedy, he probably works the hardest," said Gola, adding that Noah had spent years honing his standup routine.

Noah used his biracial identity to challenge South Africa's race issues, using personal anecdotes from his own life. Growing up biracial in the formerly segregated township of Soweto, Noah once said his birth was a crime.

South Africa's idiosyncrasies, from party politics to the high crime rate, provided regular material.

"It's good for everything South African and it's good for comedy," said Gola.

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Loyiso Gola  
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## SCHITT'S CREEK

# Dan Levy leaves us all guessing in hit show

About halfway through the first season of Schitt's Creek, it became clear that the most provocative element of the CBC sitcom had nothing to do with its name.

Instead, it was the unusual relationship quietly brewing between fashion-obsessed David, played by Dan Levy, and his snarky clad-in-plaid buddy Stevie, played by Emily Hampshire.

Their quippy odd-couple banter somehow leads to an envelope-pushing friends-with-benefits fling.

David uses an analogy to explain to a confused Stevie — who believed all along her pal was gay — that he's attracted to more than just men.

"We're all very progressive in our writers' room and pan-sexuality was sort of an interesting topic and something we didn't think was explored a lot," says Levy of the unusual storyline, which he admits has elicited some online flames.

"A lot of the times in TV, it's sort of the will they-won't they? dynamic that people really play upon and I think what we've had fun with is playing on the 'how far can you take a friendship?' idea."

David and Stevie's unlikely hookups continue to have re-

percussions on Tuesday's finale, when David and his spoiled family are more desperate than ever to leave the small-town haven they've been relegated to since losing their fortune.

Levy notes that David's head is "not in a good place" by the end of the episode.

"I think all of the stress and anxiety of this reality that is their new life sort of hits him really hard and he doesn't take it very well."

Fans have embraced the show, which CBC says has averaged over a million viewers per episode.

In the United States, Schitt's Creek airs on the cable network Pop, which recently picked up the show's second season.

Dan Levy says viewers south of the border appeared to have more difficulty with the David-Stevie storyline, but overall he says fans have embraced the couple.

"I think in certain parts of America, David's sexual ambiguity was a big question mark. (But) it was issues like that that I find quite exciting," he says.

"I'd rather create something that gives people a very strong reaction than create a show that someone looks at and says, 'Hmm. Fine.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS



Annie Murphy as Alexis Rose, Eugene Levy as Johnny Rose, Catherine O'Hara as Moira Rose and Dan Levy as David Rose star in CBC's comedy Schitt's Creek. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

## IN BRIEF

**Humans on Animal Planet**  
In a deft brand-freshening a few years ago, the channel broadened its focus from such critters as lions and tigers and bears to also embrace the human animal. It has since given new attention to humans who immerse themselves, in one way or another, in the untamed domains of their fellow animals.  
Animal Planet on Tuesday will unveil a slate of programming for the coming year that ranges wildly from conservation

stories and natural-history documentaries to pet love and epic ventures reconnecting with nature.  
Among the channel's new shows to be announced are The Sheriff of Cross River, a series that documents the efforts of Peter Jenkins, known as Nigeria's leading wildlife warrior, whose mission is to protect the exotic animals of Africa's dangerous Cross River region from poachers and other human threats.  
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Aaron (Ross Marquand) and Daryl (Norman Reedus) have trouble in their sights on the Season 5 finale of The Walking Dead.

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# The Walking Dead just won't lie down

## SEASON FINALE

AMC'S hugely successful zombie series going strong



Ned Ehrbar

Another season of The Walking Dead is behind us, and just as much as ever we're left asking a whole slew of questions. So which are the most pressing as the fifth season comes to a close? Well, it's certainly not when Rick will finally get a shave, because we got that one answered already. But here's what's particularly keeping us up at night now.

## Why is Father Gabriel still around?

We get the whole message Morgan is carrying around — that's supposed to be the beacon of hope and all — about how all life is precious, but come on, this guy? First he keeps getting crippled by his guilt over not taking care of his flock, then

he makes trouble for the people that are nice enough to look out for him. And the, to top that all off, he leaves the gate open so that zombies can get into Alexandria. That's a party foul too far, man.

## When did the walkers just become background noise?

While we've been dealing with the creeps at Terminus, the interpersonal squabbles in Alexandria and the like, the actual flesh-eating terror of the show has crept out of focus to a point where the walkers show up as just part of the landscape, like "Oh right, totes zombies."

## How is this show not just about what a badass Carol is yet?

OK, yes Rick is the main character and this finale episode did a great job of re-establishing that fact, but come on. The develop-

ment of Carol as a character from cowering battered wife to steely-eyed Machiavellian superwoman is clearly the most important thing going on here. If the group didn't need her so badly, we'd totally be pulling for Carol to get her own spinoff.

## When are Rick and Michonne going to kiss already?

Seriously, just make out. You both want it as much as we do.

## Wasn't there a baby here somewhere?

For all the trouble it took to bring baby Judith into the world, you'd think she'd factor into the plot

more often. But for this big season finale, we get one actual scene with either of the Grimes kids — Carl, who clearly is grow-

ing into a badass in his own right — and one stray shot of the infant. If she exists to raise the stakes, we at least need to see her once in a while.

## Aren't we done making the point yet about other people being the real monsters?

Even for a super-violent show about the zombie apocalypse, this one bit of ironic storytelling continues to be as clumsy as ever, whether we're talking about roving bands of malicious rapists, smiley-faced cannibals or Alexandrians who just don't understand. We get it. Zombies aren't the real problem. Find another thematic beat to hit.

## Why did it take this long to reunite Rick and Morgan?

Listen, we're thrilled it finally happened, don't get us wrong. And having Mr. "All life is precious" walk into camp just as Rick ices a dude sets up some brilliant dramatic tension for the coming sixth season. But seriously, five whole seasons? That is some intense delayed gratification. And 10 bucks says at least one of the Season 6 episodes involves a flashback showing how Morgan got so good with a bow.



DANAI GURIRA AS MICHONNE IN THE WALKING DEAD



## IN BRIEF

**Sony launches Spotify app on PlayStation**

Spotify is coming to the PlayStation, replacing Sony's own Music Unlimited service, as the company continues to expand the game console into an entertainment hub beyond video games.

Spotify hit the PlayStation 3 and 4 on Monday, with a new app adapted for large television screens. Sony says partnering with Spotify expands its music service to 41 countries, rather than the 19 available with Music Unlimited, and offers better tools for playlists and music discovery.

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**Ludacris, Chrissy Teigen to host Billboard awards**

Ludacris and Chrissy Teigen will host the 2015 Billboard Music Awards in May.

Dick Clark Productions announced Monday that the rapper and model will host the show May 17 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

It will air on ABC. Nominations will be announced April 7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fans give Tidal cold shoulder

## STREAMING SERVICE

## Support for Jay Z company gets some acts in trouble

Arcade Fire and Deadmau5 are among the artists publicly throwing their support behind Jay Z's new streaming service Tidal — and both received decidedly mixed reactions from fans.

Many high-profile artists have changed their social media profile images to a shade of turquoise and are posting in support of the premium streaming music service.

Other artists who joined in on the stunt included Kanye West, Rihanna and Nicki Minaj.

Late Sunday night, Deadmau5 tweeted: "Tides are about to turn."

The account of Montreal's Arcade Fire, meanwhile, sent out the message: "Together we can make music history. Show support and make your profile photo blue. Turn the tide."

Almost all of the responses to those posts were negative.



Artists are facing backlash over their support of Jay Z's new streaming service Tidal. GETTY IMAGES

Several skeptical users said the wording of the Arcade Fire post would have been more appropriate for a charitable endeavour, not a for-profit tech enterprise.

Midday Monday, the Grammy-winning band dropped the turquoise motif but did not delete its tweet supporting Tidal.

Deadmau5, the dance producer from Niagara Falls, Ont.,

fielded "sell-out" accusations.

For a subscription price of \$19.99 per month, Tidal promises access to high-quality sound, HD music videos and a library spanning more than

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Tweet by Arcade Fire supporting Tidal

## + TURNING TEAL

Kanye West, Beyoncé, Rihanna, Madonna and Nicki Minaj were among the music industry notables to switch their profile pictures to teal, to signal boosting conversation around the #TIDALforALL hashtag.

25-million tracks.

Meanwhile, other streaming companies including Deezer, Rdio and Spotify offer a similar service at half the price, and also have a limited ad-supported tier that's free to use.

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## MEMORY LANE

## Relics from my Gadget Graveyard

## SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



In a corner of my unfinished basement is a No Man's Land my wife calls the Gadget Graveyard. It's a mountain of obsolete electronics that I've never been able to part with. But this being the spring cleaning season, the threats became severe enough for me to do something about it.

It turned out to be an interesting archeological dig. Here's what I found amongst the old hard drives, burned-out power supplies and dead routers.

A cache of Walkmans: Not only did I find my first Walkman (circa 1984), but I rediscovered my old Sports model (circa 1991). Remember the ones with the heavy yellow cases that were allegedly almost waterproof? The third device must be some kind of rarity because it came with an AM stereo tuner (vintage unknown).

A pile of VCRs: A mono RCA unit (1986), a

stereo model from Mitsubishi (circa 1995) and Panasonic (vintage unknown). They were stacked on a box filled with tapes of me hosting Reach for the Top in 1991-92.

A portable CD player: I couldn't afford a Sony Discman, so I ordered this Seiko model (yes, the watch people) from an American Express catalogue (circa 1988). All you had to do to make the disc skip was breathe on it.

A box of floppy discs: Tons and tons and tons of them. One was labelled "music." What kind of music was I putting on a 1.44MB floppy?

An RCA Lyra MP3 player: It was the first flash storage device I'd ever seen (circa 1997). With a whopping 32MB (yes, megabytes) of memory, it was good for about an hour's worth of music if you cranked the sampling rate way down low. But unlike Walkmans and Discmans, it never skipped. That made it cool.



My Apple gateway drug: A silver 4GB iPod Mini (circa 2004), the first Apple device I ever bought. That sucked me into the ecosystem and — well, let's not talk about it. I opted for the 4GB model because I clearly remember thinking, "I'm never going to need more storage than that. Ever."

And speaking of iPods: I have no idea what possessed me to buy one of those 20GB red-and-white U2 iPods (circa early 2005) for \$450 (\$530 in today's dollars), but I'm kind of glad I did. Brand new models are trading for \$3,000 on eBay.

I think I'll keep that one a little longer. The rest can be recycled responsibly. Promise.

## + NEW TECH

### Coachella, Lollapalooza ban selfie sticks

You can bring your beach towels and floral headbands, but forget that selfie stick if you're going to the Coachella or Lollapalooza music festivals.

The sticks are banned this year at the events in Indio, Calif., and Chicago. Coachella dismissed them as "narsisitics" on a list of prohibited items.

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# Exploring Baker Drive

Tuesday, March 31, 2015



Adding a second ferry to the Woodside route is part of a major service upgrade by Halifax Transit. The transit authority also has an upgrade to the Woodside Ferry Terminal underway. WILLIAM MASON PHOTO

## Implementing a new transit strategy

**William Mason**  
For Metro

Christopher Stannix was only 24 when he lost his life in Afghanistan in 2007. Last year, the Cole Harbour native was honoured in a moving ceremony that christened the new Woodside ferry in his honour.

The Christopher Stannix is the first Halifax Harbour ferry to be launched in 25 years.

It will become the lynchpin of a new transit strategy that will connect residents of Baker Drive, Russell Lake West, Porters Lake and Cole Harbour with downtown Halifax.

It may be a generation newer than the three other harbour ferries now in service, but the Christopher Stannix resembles the rest of the fleet. It carries 399 passengers and crew, and will increase service between Woodside and downtown Halifax to every 15 minutes from



**If commuters who use Caldwell Road and Portland Street are able to get to the Woodside Ferry Terminal more quickly it will do a lot to improve active transportation in Dartmouth.**

District 4 Coun. Lorelei Nicoll

every 30 minutes during peak periods.

Adding a second ferry to the Woodside route is part of a ma-

ior service upgrade underway by Halifax Transit. The transit authority also has a major upgrade to the Woodside Ferry

Terminal underway, including the recent addition of 45 more parking spots and a planned, extensive interior renovation.

Halifax Transit is also in the process of developing new bus routes and has two more ferries under construction. The first is expected to be delivered this summer. It will be named in honour of Craig Blake, the first Canadian sailor to be killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan.

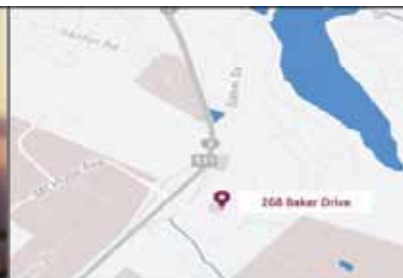
District 4 Coun. Lorelei Nicoll said the ferry will play

an even more significant role in HRM's transportation system if the city is able to come to terms with the Department of National Defence and complete the Mount Hope Extension project along a perimeter of land owned by Shearwater.

"If commuters who use Caldwell Road and Portland Street are able to get to the Woodside Ferry Terminal more quickly it will do a lot to improve active transportation in Dartmouth," she said.



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## MOUNT HOPE EXTENSION

## Project still on wish list

The opening of the Mount Hope connector on Highway 111 in 2011 was the catalyst for the major developments taking place along Baker Drive. It also transformed Mount Hope Avenue to an important part of Dartmouth's transportation infrastructure from an insignificant industrial park street.

Now, a number of urban developers want to make Mount Hope Avenue an even more important transportation artery for the city. The project they are talking about would extend the dead-end street to connect Baker Drive with Caldwell Road.

Halifax deputy mayor and District 4 Coun. Lorelei Nicoll, one of the proponents of the Mount Hope extension project, said the development has been debated for nearly a decade.

"Everyone agrees it needs to be done," she said. "Portland Street is seriously over-capacity, and this project would remove some of the traffic coming from Cole Harbour. The big question is, who is going to lead the charge and get it done?"

Nicoll said because much of the land where the road would be built is owned by the federal government, most feel the feds need to take the lead on the project.

"Whenever I get within earshot of Minister (Peter) MacKay, I always bring up the Mount Hope extension project," she said. "He tells me that the province would have to put it on their priority list before the federal government would take an interest in it."

WILLIAM MASON/FOR METRO



The Baker Drive neighbourhood features a mixture of residential units and commercial space. RICHARD WOODBURY PHOTO

## Family-friendly area

**RICHARD WOODBURY**  
For Metro

Baker Drive cuts through the heart of Russell Lake West, a master planned community by Clayton Developments Limited. The community has been well-received, as evidenced by the fact Clayton Developments sold all of its lots to builders three years ahead of its anticipated sell-out date, 2013 instead of 2016.

Mike Durling, a realtor for Century 21 A.B.C. Realty Limited located on Baker Drive, said there are many reasons

why the community has been well-received.

"It's a nice area, it has all of the amenities nearby," he said, citing schools and parks.

Within the community itself, there is a grocery store, a bank and a drug store. Within minutes, pretty much everything imaginable can be found on Portland Street, and Mic Mac Mall is also close.

The housing in Russell Lake West is a mixture of homes and apartments.

Durling said the single-family homes and townhouses are attracting young professionals who are starting families or

### 400

MIKE HANUSIAK, THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CLAYTON DEVELOPMENTS, SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 400 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND TOWNHOUSES IN THE RUSSELL LAKE WEST MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY.

looking to expand them.

For the homes themselves, Durling said there are a few key selling features, including affordability.

"It's a relatively low cost to

the same quality of home in the Halifax area," he said.

Durling said that while homes in Russell Lake West tend to sell for between \$450,000 and \$800,000, a similar home in Halifax would cost \$700,000 to \$1 million.

He said some other benefits are that the community has a natural gas line, which is an economical and more environmentally friendly way to heat homes compared to most other energy sources. As well, the homes are well-built and the neighbourhood is quiet.

"It's a very family-friendly neighbourhood," he said.

## MEDICAL AMENITIES

## Clinics a popular draw for seniors

Family Focus Medical Clinics were started in 2001 with a simple principle — founder Dr. Mark Fletcher wanted to give patients an alternative to a hospital emergency department for minor medical issues. Today, the clinics provide seven locations across HRM with one of the newest clinics on Baker Drive.

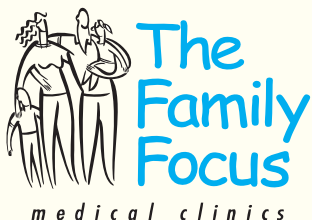
Family Focus functions as a walk-in clinic, accepting patients who do not have a family physician or are having problems getting an appointment to see a family physician. The clinic is located at Millstone Square — a 102,000-square-foot facility that is home to Sobeyes, Kent Building Supplies, BMO, Lawton's, an Access Nova Scotia facility, along with restaurants, shops, a veterinary hospital and other services.

Baker Drive is quickly becoming a popular neighbourhood for retirement living. Shannex, a retirement living and enhanced care provider, has constructed a number of new facilities along Baker Drive, including Parkland at the Lakes, one of the newest additions to the Parkland brand of retirement campuses that Shannex operates across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The state-of-the-art facility includes a bowling alley, a movie theatre, fitness centre, entertainment centre, an elegant dining facility, and a private dining room.

Seniors living on Baker Drive can take advantage of walking trails, easy access to shopping, a public library and much more.

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## Walk In Medical Clinic



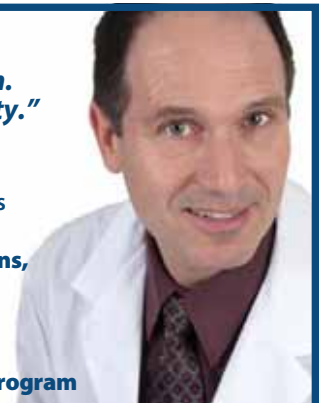
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# Planting future seeds

More than 3,000 tree seedlings have been planted last two years

**RICHARD WOODBURY**  
For Metro

Over the last two years there have been two community tree planting events at a parcel of land that will eventually become a park, which surrounds an apartment building at the corner of Baker Drive and Basswood Run.

David Foster, who helped spearhead the initiative, felt it was a way of bringing the community together through the environment, as well as connecting community members with local businesses.

For the 2013 planting, 1,200 seedlings of red maple, yellow birch, hemlock, white spruce, red spruce, white pine and larch were planted in an area of land measuring about 400 square metres.

In 2014, 2,000 seedlings of the same varieties (as well as

red oak) were planted. One hundred larger birch trees between four- and six-foot tall were also planted.

Foster said the trees selected are typical of what you would find in an Acadian forest. Using these kinds of trees helps ensure native animals relying on them are supported, while humans get to enjoy certain benefits.

"It's a mutually-supportive arrangement," Foster said.

Besides supporting animals and providing better air quality, the trees will benefit the people who live nearby, as well as those who will use the eventual park.

Foster said when you have a park and a residence, there can be the potential for conflict. For example, residence owners may not like the noise park users make or may not appreciate the odd ball hitting their window.



Community tree planting events the past two years will benefit the people who live in the Baker Drive area. HRM DIVERSE PHOTO

Similarly, park users may not like the idea of people watching over them while they use the park.

"These two things can co-habitate, but it's best when

something can separate them," Foster said.

By planting trees, it creates a natural separation that is aesthetically pleasing, helps buffer sound and also provides

one other potential benefit to apartment dwellers.

"Hopefully, by planting a whole buffer of trees on both sides of this building, we've actually helped them with their

heating bills," Foster said.

Trees located close to a home help shield it from the heat in the summer and cut down on the wind in the winter, helping keep it warmer.

## Plethora of parks provide excellent recreational opportunities

**William Mason**  
For Metro

The Harbourwalk Trail that begins beside the Woodside Ferry Terminal is exceptional for a number of reasons. For one, the three-kilometre-long multi-use pedestrian walkway

offers a slow-paced biking and walking route that connects the communities of Woodside, Baker Drive and Russell Lake West to the downtown core. The trail also offers some of the most spectacular views of the Halifax Harbour found anywhere in the city.

But the Harbourwalk Trail's

greatest asset is the fact that it connects to the Trans-Canada Trail system and to the network of hiking routes that snake through the Dartmouth Lakes. The trail starts at the Woodside Ferry Terminal, follows the shoreline through Woodside and Dartmouth Cove before coming to an end in front of

Alderney Landing. When it crosses the Shubenacadie Canal at King's Wharf, it connects with the Dartmouth Multi-Use Trail and the Trans-Canada Trail system.

The area around Baker Drive has much potential as an outdoor recreation area. Along with the Harbourwalk Trail,

residents are close to outdoor amenities such as the newly opened Flag Pond Coastal Access Park, Rainbow Haven Provincial Park, the Salt Marsh Trail and others. There are also a number of parks along Baker Drive that are being developed.

Part of the original development agreement for Baker

Drive called for HRM to develop parkland. In fact, 10 per cent of the land under development will be set aside for parks.

The most significant piece of leftover land is a 14-acre parcel along Baker Drive across from the Kent Homes store, where HRM staff have been planting seedlings around the property.

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# Roundabouts are engineering opportunity

## Public support an integral part of the design process

Roundabouts are a proven method to move various users more quickly and safely. To address aging intersections, Halifax Regional Council supports modern roundabouts on municipal roads where appropriate design guidelines and standards can be met.

The North Park Intersection Redesign project is the first major municipal roundabout project. This project is about more than just reconfiguring two intersections — it is a bold approach to a larger civic project that includes many disciplines, departments and goals.

The two intersections — North Park, Cunard and Agricola, and North Park, Cogswell, Rainnie, Trollope and Ahern — were good candidates for redesign, as neither met national transportation standards and, both suffered from aging infrastructure, problematic traffic flow, frequent collisions and poor connectivity.

Redesigning these two sites also presented opportunities to move overhead power and telecommunications infrastructure under-

ground, integrate Halifax Water repairs, install LED streetlights, upgrade street, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and develop high quality public spaces.

WSP was hired in June 2013 as the preliminary and detail designer for this massive undertaking. The project includes converting two signalized intersections into multi-lane roundabouts, reconstructing 300 metres each of street and underground ductbanks, 800 metres of greenway trail and three kilometres of new concrete curb, installing 75 decorative streetlights, and planting 120 trees on the nearby Halifax North Common.

An important part of this project's success has been public engagement. The municipality and WSP started consultations more than a year before the first phase of construction began. They spoke with cyclists, neighbours, commuters, businesses, the visually impaired community, and representatives from the nearby high school and two nationally significant landmarks.

These sessions helped inform residents of the need for the intersection upgrades and the rationale for roundabouts, and also gave people the opportunity to share their vision for North Park Street. Public support for the project was a major factor behind council's direction to proceed.



North Park Street before CONTRIBUTED



North Park Street after CONTRIBUTED

## HYDROPOWER WELL ESTABLISHED IN N.S.

There is often much discussion around new technologies, new structures and the next best way to build and create. Often the technologies of the past are regarded as being out of date or from a less-sophisticated time and no longer relevant. There are a set of structures that represent some of Nova Scotia's major construction projects that go unnoticed, silently performing in the background and still reliably providing clean renewable power to Nova Scotia. I'm speaking of the hydroelectric developments in Nova Scotia.

Many Nova Scotians are surprised to learn that we have hydropower at all in Nova Scotia. Likely, the only exposure would have been a favourite fishing hole or perhaps the start of a river tubing experience. Even with that exposure, many still do not realize what the facilities are or what they provide, only that it is an industrial facility on the river. The most recognized being the Annapolis Tidal Plant, in Annapolis Royal; the only tidal plant in North America which has been producing 20 MW of energy on the ebb tide since 1984.

Hydro is very prevalent in N.S., with a good portion of the western end of the province being a watershed for a hydro facility.



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## Rainmen into NBL finals with fans' help

### BASKETBALL

**Halifax team gets support it craves to put Storm away**



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

The loud crowd that filled the Saint Mary's University stands Monday night "had a huge part" in the Halifax Rainmen's 125-116 overtime win over the Island Storm — and their berth into the National Basketball League of Canada championship final.

That's what forward Kevin Young said about Halifax's boisterous fans following a tense Game 5 that played out on the Homburg Centre hardwood, with nearly 1,200 ticket-holders experiencing an emotional roller-coaster as the score bounced back and forth from tip-off to final buzzer.

Despite a slow start, including a 25-17 deficit after the first quarter which had increased to 54-36 after the second, the Rainmen came back after half-time with newfound energy and intensity to claim the second-round playoff series 4-1, and the Atlantic Division banner.

The Rainmen narrowed the gap to 75-74 after the third quarter, and claimed the lead several times in the fourth, with players and spectators alike on the edges of their seats — or not able to stay seated at all — with the score all tied up at 104-apiece heading into the extra frame.

"We couldn't have won without them," Young said of Halifax's supporters on the sidelines. "They rattled the Storm, they rattled the refs when they needed to be (rattled), and we knew that was going to be a part of it."

Young himself led Halifax on the court, scoring 26 points and grabbing 12 rebounds to help get and keep his team in the game.

Shooting guard P.J. Foster put up 19 points, shooting 5-for-8 from beyond the arc, coming through when needed for the Rainmen. Guard Forrest Fisher was also key on the court for Halifax, adding 17 points of his own and going five-for-five from the free throw line.

"We just got to the free-throw line a little more, we attacked more, we got more layups (and) three-point shots," Young said of a much stronger second half for the Rainmen. "We crawled back into the game."

Playing in the NBL finals will be a first for the six-foot-eight, 215-pound Kansas University



**It's always tough when it's overtime, and the Storm ... they've got a great team**

Rainmen forward Kevin Young

alumnus, who said he's "excited" about taking on whichever team wins the Central Division title.

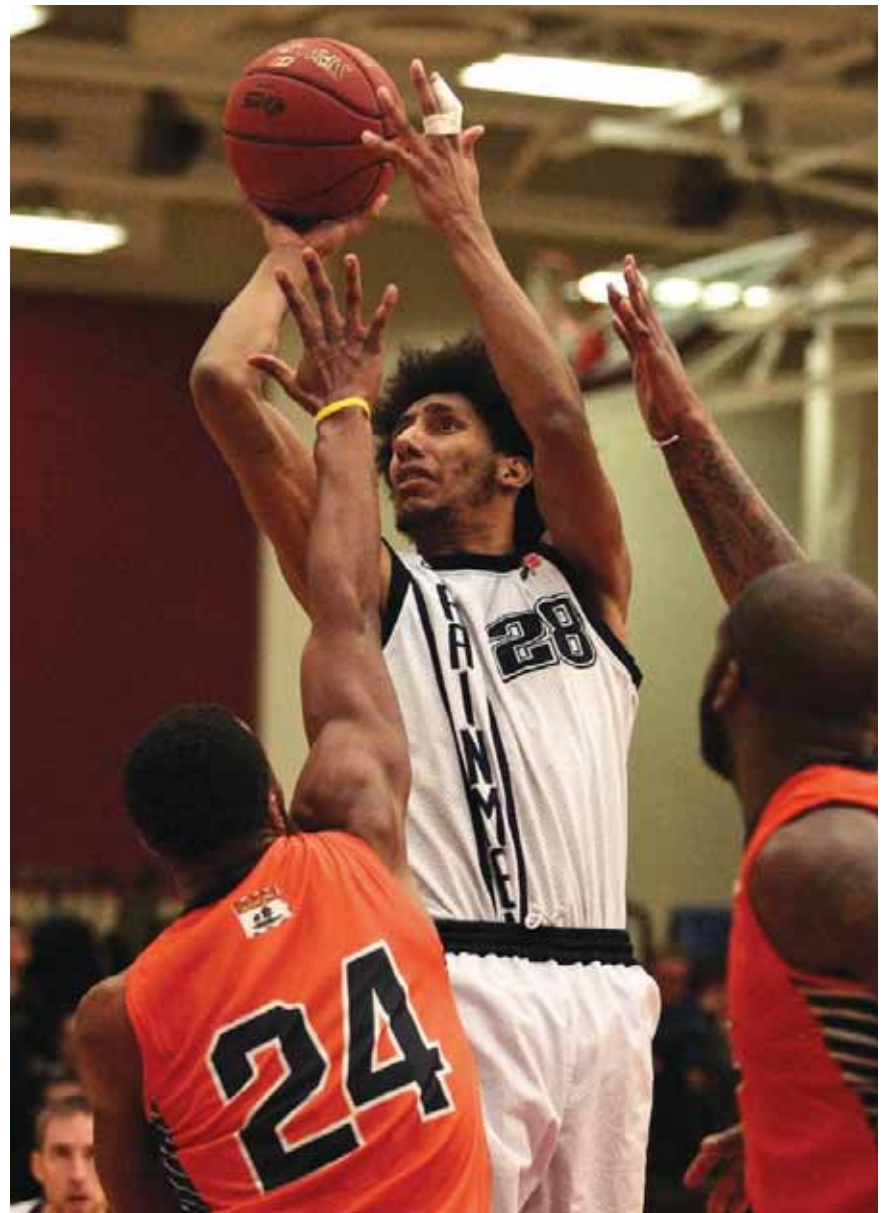
The Brampton A's and defending champions the Windsor Express are currently battling it out for those bragging rights, with the series tied at one win apiece. The third game of that series is set for Wednesday night in Orangeville, Ont.

This will mark Halifax's second time in the league championship series, the last taking place during the 2011-12 season.

Shooting guard Joey Haywood scored the final layup for the Halifax Rainmen, putting up eight points total, on the same court he used to own while leading the Saint Mary's Huskies.

"It was up and down," the six-foot-one, 185-pound Vancouver native said. "We never gave up."

"It was good to be back, and the fans were great, but we've got more work to do."



The Island Storm's Louis Birdsong, left, tries to block a shot from Rainmen forward Kevin Young during NBL playoff action at Saint Mary's University on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



The Mooseheads got a split out of their first two games against the Cataractes in Shawinigan. SAMUEL DURANCEAU-CLOUTIER/TC MEDIA

### QMJHL PLAYOFFS

## Mooseheads take up residence at Forum

The Herd is ready for face off at the Halifax Forum.

The puck drops on Game 3 of the first-round best-of-seven series between the Halifax Mooseheads and the Shawinigan Cataractes tonight at 7 p.m.

This week's three playoff games will be hosted at the historical Windsor Street venue while the Scotiabank Centre hosts the 2015 Ford world men's curling championship.

"We've been practising there for awhile," Herd head coach

Dominique Ducharme said Monday of his team's comfort level playing at the Forum, which seats 4,610 spectators for hockey.

"Over the years, every time there's something at the Metro Centre, or Scotiabank (Centre), we go there for practice," he said. "We're used to it."

The Halifax-Shawinigan series is all tied up at one game-apiece. The Mooseheads edged the Cataractes 3-2 on Friday and the Cats came back to beat the Moose 4-2 on Saturday at the Gervais

Auto Centre.

The Mooseheads hit the ice for practice at the Forum last week, while the Cataractes tested out the ice there Monday.

Ducharme said, "it's tough to tell" whether Halifax's familiarity with the Forum will offer an advantage over the competition.

"On our side, we're ready," he said.

The Mooseheads finished 12th overall, while the Cataractes ended up in fifth place in the Q-league. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

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# Simmons smashes Czechs, Russians

## CURLING

### Canada perfect after 5 matches at world championship

With three days of round-robin action complete, the Canadian side skipped by Pat Simmons is showing it's the team to beat at the world men's curling championship.

Simmons picked up two more wins Monday to remain undefeated at the 12-team event. He whipped the Czech Republic 11-2 in the morning draw and improved to 5-0 with a 9-3 rout of Russia in the evening.

"You're always going to have those ends here and there when you need that freeze or you need that big shot — and he's making all of them," second Carter Rycroft said of Simmons. "The difference is if he misses three or four of them, we're sitting

## NOT FAR BACK

Defending champion Thomas Ulsrud of Norway improved to 4-1 with a 6-5 win over Sweden's Niklas Edin. Switzerland's Marc Pfister is tied for second.

here talking to you at 3-2 or 2-3. It's that simple."

Expectations were rather mixed for the Canadians this week given that they played a limited schedule this season and switched skips midway through the Tim Hortons Brier. But Simmons has shown that he still has the skipper's touch while Morris has settled in nicely at third.

The solid front end of Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen has also helped the host side in the early going.

"One thing I think this team has really done well — considering games-wise we're still a pretty

young team — is just how natural our communication is," Simmons said.

"The discussions seem to come easy and that's a pleasure."

In the nightcap, the teams blanked two ends before Russia's Evgeny Arkhipov drew to the four-foot for a single in the third. Simmons answered with three in the fourth end and tacked on another point in the fifth.

Simmons hit a draw for a pair in the seventh end and added three in the ninth for the victory.

Canada was tested over its first three games before Monday morning's six-end rout.

"It's a mental grind all week so, if you can

have a little bit of a breather that way, it's nice for sure," Simmons said.

Canada will play Japan's Yusuke Morozumi on Tuesday afternoon before a feature evening game against Norway.

Canada is hoping to return to the podium after settling for a fourth-place finish last year in Beijing.

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Canada skip Pat Simmons calls to his sweepers during morning-draw action against the Czech Republic at the men's world curling championship in Scotiabank Centre on Monday. MICHAEL BURNS/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Canucks victorious in opening game of road trip

Radim Vrbata had a goal and an assist, and Eddie Lack made 23 saves as the Vancouver Canucks opened a four-game trip with a 4-1 victory over the struggling St. Louis Blues on Monday night.

Zbynek Michalek scored for the Blues, who never led and missed a chance to clinch a playoff spot with a victory. St. Louis has lost two straight at home, has one win its last six games overall, and remained one point shy of a seventh 100-point season.

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### 'Braveheart' to make UFC debut in Poland

Scottish lightweight Steven (Braveheart) Ray will make his UFC debut next week in Poland, replacing injured Canadian Jason Saggo.

Saggo, who fights out of Charlottetown, was forced to pull out of the April 11 bout in Krakow against Poland's Marcin Brandel, after rupturing his Achilles in training.

Ray, a former Cage Warriors world champion with a 16-5 record, has won four of his last five.

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## NBA

### Raptors' DeRozan lights up Rockets

DeMar DeRozan poured in a career-high 42 points as the Toronto Raptors defeated the Houston Rockets 99-96 on Monday night.

DeRozan hit the final two shots of the night as the Raptors (44-30) won their second straight game.

The win over Houston (50-24) marks the first time the Raptors have defeated an above-.500 opponent since a 105-80 win in Atlanta on Feb. 20.

It was a great show by two superb shooting guards — DeRozan and MVP candidate James Harden, who had 31 points to lead the Rockets. They guarded each other much of the night.

DeRozan missed two free throws in the final minute that would have widened the Raptors' then one-point lead. But he redeemed himself when he backed down Harden and hit an 18-footer with 18 seconds to go.

Toronto played its third straight game without all-star point guard, Kyle Lowry, who sat out with back spasms.

Houston opened up big leads in each of the first two quarters before the Raptors battled back.

The Rockets were up by 11 with just over five minutes to go in the first half before DeRozan and Valanciunas combined



The Raptors' DeMar DeRozan shoots over the Rockets' James Harden on Monday night in Toronto.

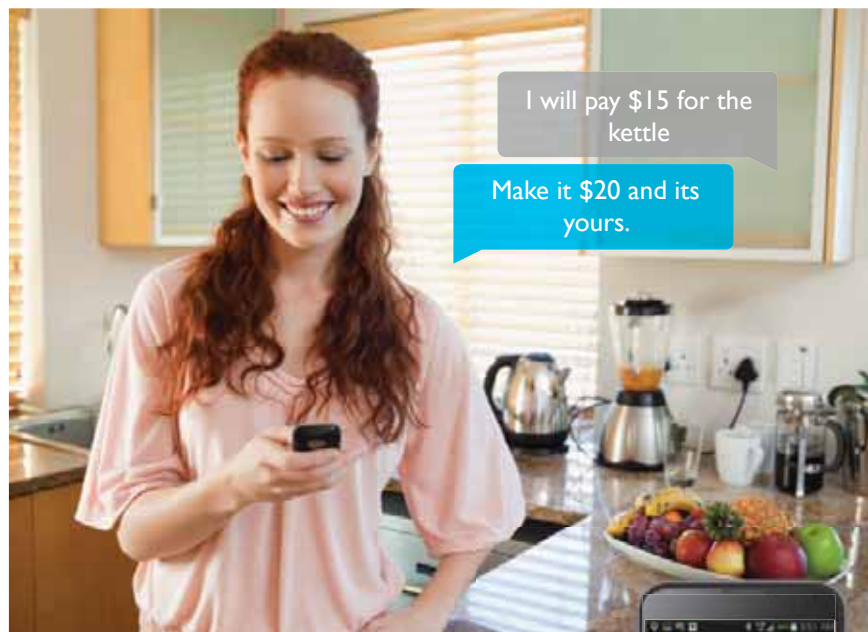
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to re-energize their team — and the crowd.

The pair scored Toronto's final 15 points of the half as the Raptors trimmed Houston's advantage to 52-48 at the break.

Early in the third, DeRozan hit a 19-foot jump shot to give Toronto its first lead of the night, 59-57.

Harden had the final five points of the quarter to put Houston up 76-74 going into the fourth. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# RECIPE Italian Bean Pasta Salad



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Prep time: 15  
Serves: 8

## Directions

**1.** Cook the pasta in boiling water according to package directions, or until firm to the bite, about 10 minutes. Rinse with cold water. Drain well and place in a serving bowl.

**2.** Add the tomatoes, green pepper, onion, red and white kidney beans, chickpeas, feta cheese and basil to the serving bowl.

**3.** Combine the lemon juice, oil, vinegar, garlic, basil and oregano in a small bowl. Mix well. Pour the dressing over the pasta and toss.

## Ingredients

- 12 oz medium shell pasta
- 2 ½ cups chopped

plum tomatoes

- ¾ cup diced green bell pepper
- ¾ cup diced red onion
- 2/3 cup canned red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 cup canned white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup light feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/3 cup fresh chopped basil or parsley
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 ½ tsp dried basil
- 1 ½ tsp dried oregano

## Nutrition per serving

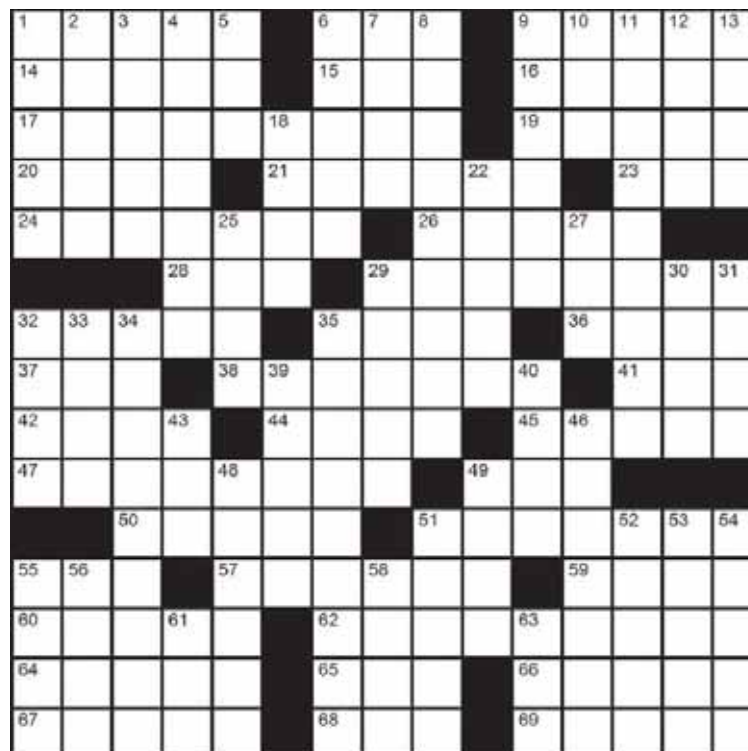
- Calories 333
- Protein 11 g
- Fat 9 g
- Saturated Fat 2 g
- Carbohydrates 53 g
- Sodium 420 mg
- Cholesterol 8 mg
- Fibre 7 g

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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## ACROSS

- Noisily-eating sound effect!
- Wrongs antonyms, briefly
- They're full of sods
- "\_\_ No Good" by Linda Ronstadt
- Quebec affirmative
- Manner of speaking
- High school dramedy starring #62-Across and Matt Dillon, "My \_\_" (1980)
- Sun: German
- Furies
- Mr. Borgnine
- Stealing bird
- Saskatchewan food exports
- Sparingly supply
- Corroded
- Heedful
- Mosey along
- Tumble
- Scarlett O'Hara's li'l saga
- Tavern
- Eric Burdon band, with The
- Opposite WSW
- Hold on property
- \_\_ state of affairs
- Harmonize
- \_\_ Park (Calgary nature spot along the Bow River)
- Mr. Townsend, briefly
- Writer Mr. Zola

- Perform surgery
- "Low Rider" band
- Comparatively unique: 2 wds.
- Hugo \_\_, "Moonraker" (1979) villain
- Capital 'A' in CAT scan
- Chris \_\_, Canadian

- who starred as a camper in "Meatballs" (1979)
- Got Z's
- Camel hair garment
- Military doc
- Basil sauce on pasta
- Book publisher, \_\_ A. Talese
- Places

## DOWN

- Emmy-winning Sally Field role
- Roger \_\_, 007 portrayer in #59-Across
- Pulitzer-winning poet W.H.
- Dan Aykroyd's vodka, \_\_ Head
- Powder \_\_
- Communicates,

- lion-style
- Go sour
- Restaurant's soup alternative: 2 wds.
- Choose David Visentin's option on his Canadian real estate series with Hilary Farr: 2 wds.
- Ruckus
- Harnessed energy source: 2 wds.

- Marvin Gaye's daughter
- Duck variety
- River to the Ubangi
- Like the bottles for #4-Down, \_\_-shaped
- Virginia willow
- Aircraft in "Top Gun" (1986)
- Soap brand
- Alternative press magazine, \_\_ Reader
- Popeye comics kid, \_\_'Pea
- Competent
- \_\_-of-honour
- Labatt \_\_ of Canada LP
- East Coast waters gig
- MLBers in Washington, briefly
- Satisfy hunger
- Nice name?
- Mr. Ahluwalia of TSN's "Sports-Centre"
- Commercial area of Venice
- "Pursuit of the Graf \_\_" (1956)
- Citizen of Mork's planet
- Plow: Spanish
- Unexpressed, but understood
- Hollywood VIPs
- Stinging bug
- Car part
- Rhyming scheme
- Appropriate
- Diefenbaker, et al.

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
It might be best to keep a low profile. If you make a target of yourself someone will happily start throwing things your way.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
What happens today should be seen as the culmination of all the efforts you have made over the past few months. Something will happen that brings a smile to your face.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You seem to believe that you cannot be a success unless you take large risks — and that could be a dangerous assumption. If you must roll the dice, wait a couple of days.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
It may seem as if you can get away

with anything now, and maybe you can, but later in the month you won't be so lucky, so look ahead. Cancer is supposed to be cautious.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You may be tempted to show the world how strong you can be today but your tough guy routine will have more of an effect if you wait until Thursday.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't visit the same old places today: go somewhere different, ideally to a venue where there is a bit of life. You will be at your best when on the move.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Make sure you know what is expected of you before sign-

ing up for something new. You may feel you can handle whatever fate sends your way but some deals are best avoided.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You may believe that nothing is beyond you, that you could take on the world and win, but you need to convince other people too. Channel that confidence into something constructive.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Why is it that every other person you meet wants to start a fight? Whatever the reason, you must resist the urge to get involved. Whatever the outcome, you will lose.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Mars in Taurus over the next few

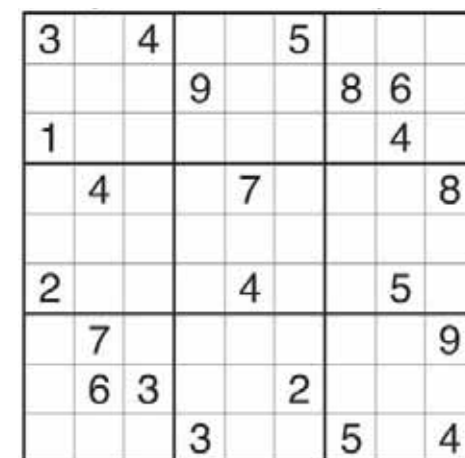
weeks will make you energetic in the extreme. Make the most of it to finish a project that should have been completed a long time ago.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You may have to get tough with friends and colleagues today but if it is the only way to get things done then talk the talk, walk the walk and make sure others do their fair share as well.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 20 - March 20  
Mars in the communications area of your chart makes it easy to say the kind of things that get you noticed, but don't say too much or you might attract the kind of attention you don't enjoy.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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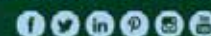
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